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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMA 1520

FOR ARA - DR. FISHLOW; L/ARA - MR. GANTZ; S/P - MR. EINAUDI'S
OFFICE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EINV, EIND, EMIN, PFOR, PE

SUBJECT: MARCONA - ARGENTINE ORE SALES SHIPMENTS

REF: LIMA 1390

1. LIMA SUNDAY PRESS (FEBRUARY 15) CARRIED STORIES NOTING THAT GOVERNMENTS OF PERU AND ARGENTINA SIGNED A TRADE AGREEMENT THE PREVIOUS DAY WHICH SHOULD DOUBLE BILATERAL TRADE TO \$85 MILLION DURING NEXT THREE YEARS. ACCORDING TP PRESS ACCOUNTS, PERU AGREED TO SELL ARGENTINA 750,000 TONS OF PELLETS DURING THREE YEAR PERIOD, AS WELL AS LONG-FIBER COTTON, COPPER WIREBARS AND ZINC CONCENTRATES. NO TERMS WERE ANNOUNCED.

2. PRESIDENT OF COMPANIA PERUANA DE VAPORES, CAPTAIN JORGE RUIZ DE CASTILLA, CALLED AMBASSADOR FEBRUARY 17 TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF DR. FISHLOW'S LETTER AND TO INFORM US THAT HE WOULD BE REPLYING OFFICIALLY TO THE FISHLOW LETTER DURING THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. RUIZ DE CASTILLA NOTED THAT CPV IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CHOOSING ORE CARRIERS AND THAT SUCH DECISIONS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MINPECO
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AND THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. HE WAS THEREFORE REFERR-

ING DR. FISHLOW'S LETTER TO THEM. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, RUIZ DE CASTILLA SAID THAT "DOOR IS NOT CLOSED" TO MARCONA CARRIERS IN REGARD TO SHIPPING, BUT THAT SINCE CPV MERELY EXECUTES ORDERS FROM OTHER GOP AGENCIES, HE REALLY HAS NO POWER OVER FINAL DECISIONS.

3. COMMENT: BOTH FROM WHAT LOCAL MARCONA REPRESENTATIVES TOLD US (LIMA 1152) AND MARCONA'S REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT (STATE 33743) IT WOULD SEEM THAT DESPITE RUIZ DE CASTILLA'S PROTESTATIONS, THE DOOR IS AT LEAST PARTIALLY CLOSED, IF NOT ALREADY SHUT.
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